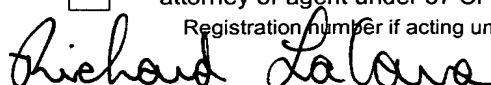


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| <b>PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)</b><br><b>FY 2005</b><br>(Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).)   |                                  | <b>Docket Number (Optional)</b><br>Y2238.0025 |                         |
| <b>Application Number</b> 09/727,046-Conf. #2977   |                                  | <b>Filed</b> November 30, 2000                |                         |
| For <b>COMMUNICATION CONNECTION MERGE METHOD AND NODE TO BE USED THEREFOR</b>  |                                  |   |                         |
| <b>Art Unit</b> 2662   |                                  | <b>Examiner</b> A. V. Nguyen                  |                         |
| This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.<br>The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):  |                                  |   |                         |
|  |                                  | <u>Fee</u>                                    | <u>Small Entity Fee</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/>   | One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))    | \$120   | \$60                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  | Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))   | \$450   | \$225                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>   | Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) | \$1020  | \$510                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>   | Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))  | \$1590  | \$795                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>   | Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))  | \$2160  | \$1080                  |
| <br><input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.<br><input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.<br><input type="checkbox"/> The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number <u>50-2215</u> . I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet. |                                  |   |                         |
| <br>I am the <input type="checkbox"/> applicant/inventor.<br><input type="checkbox"/> assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.<br>Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).<br><input type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent of record. Registration Number _____<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34.<br>Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34 <u>41,135</u>   |                                  |   |                         |
| <br>_____<br>Signature  |                                  | _____<br>February 1, 2005<br>Date             |                         |
| Richard LaCava<br>_____<br>Typed or printed name   |                                  | (212) 835-1429<br>_____<br>Telephone Number   |                         |
| NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below.  |                                  |   |                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Total of <u>1</u> forms are submitted.  |                                  |   |                         |

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